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Overview

Montana Comprehensive Assessment System (MontCAS)

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The Montana Comprehensive Assessment System (MontCAS) includes a Criterion-Referenced Test, a Criterion-Referenced Test-Alternate, and an English Language Proficiency Test.

- The Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) and Criterion-Referenced Test-Alternate (CRT-Alt) are aligned to Montana content standards. The CRT-Alternate is based on Alternate Achievement Standards (AAS).
- The CRT and the CRT-Alt in Reading and Math in grades 3-8 and 10 received full approval from the United States Department of Education in November of 2007. The CRT-Alternate for Science in grades 4, 8, and 10 has been approved.
- Approval from the United States Department of Education for the CRT in Science in grades 4, 8, and 10 is pending.
- Data on test results and participation are available on the Montana Report Card site. Additional test result data are on the OPI IRIS test report site.
 - <http://www.opi.mt.gov/ReportCard/>
 - http://www.opi.mt.gov/citrix/index.html#p7GPc1_4

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The following table includes information on statewide testing since the spring of the 2001 through the present.

Dates	Contractor	Tests	Grades	Content Areas
MontCAS Phase 1 http://www.opi.mt.gov/Assessment/Phase1.html				
Spring 2001 – Spring 2007	Riverside Publishing Company	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) and Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED): off-the-shelf norm-referenced test and Montana developed Alternate Assessment Scales	ITBS: Grades 4 and 8 ITED: Grade 11	Reading Communication Arts Math Social Studies Science
MontCAS Phase 2 http://www.opi.mt.gov/Assessment/Phase2.html				
Spring 2004 and Spring 2005	Measured Progress	Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) and Criterion-Referenced Test-Alternate (CRT-Alt)	Grades 4, 8, and 10	Reading and Math
Spring 2006 – Present	Measured Progress	Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) and Criterion-Referenced Test-Alternate (CRT-Alt)	Grades 3-8 and 10	Reading and Math
Spring 2007 –Present	Measured Progress	Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) and Criterion-Referenced Test-Alternate (CRT-Alt)	Grades 4, 8, and 10	Science
English Language Proficiency Test (ELP) http://www.opi.mt.gov/Assessment/ELP.html				
Fall 2006- Present	Questar	English Language Proficiency Test	Grades K-12	Listening Speaking Reading Writing Comprehension